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Minneapolis career criminal pleads guilty to possessing a .357 caliber revolver

Earlier today in federal court, a 36-year-old career criminal from Minneapolis pleaded guilty to possessing a .357-caliber revolver on October 13, 2010. Appearing in Minneapolis before United States District Court Judge Ann D. Montgomery, Kendrick Lee Robbins pleaded guilty to one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Robbins was indicted on November 17, 2010.

In his plea agreement, Robbins admitted that on October 13 he possessed a .357-caliber, six-shot revolver. A law enforcement affidavit filed in the case states that when St. Paul police stopped a vehicle for being driven in the dark without headlights, Robbins, a passenger in the car, fled on foot. With the aid of a police dog, however, authorities soon found him in a nearby house, and they located the revolver along the path he took when fleeing.

Because he is a felon, Robbins is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition at any time. His prior convictions include first-degree assault (1995), aiding and abetting fourth-degree assault (1996), and trafficking in a controlled substance (2008). Since these three prior offenses are violent crimes or serious drug crimes, Robbins is now subject to the federal armed career criminal statute, which mandates a 15-year minimum prison sentence if he is convicted of the felon in possession charge currently levied against him. That charge carries a potential maximum penalty of life in prison. Judge Montgomery will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the St. Paul Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney LeeAnn K. Bell.

Note, the case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative launched by the U.S.

Justice Department in 2001 to promote a multi-jurisdictional, comprehensive approach to reducing gun crime in America. PSN provides resources to strengthen law enforcement and crime prevention partnerships that are working to make our streets and communities safer.

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